

House Resolution 1971

By: Representative Lindsey of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Robert Watson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Robert Watson has been a school bus driver in the north Buckhead area of
3 Atlanta for seven and one-half years; and

4 WHEREAS, on Thursday, March 27, 2008, he was driving an Atlanta school bus with 39
5 children aboard from Sarah Smith Elementary School when he smelled something burning;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, he immediately acted by pulling the bus to the side of the road, calmly directing
8 the children how to exit the bus, and moving them to safety in a nearby yard; and

9 WHEREAS, within 30 seconds of evacuating the last child the bus burst into flames; and

10 WHEREAS, due to Mr. Watson's quick response and heroic efforts, a tragic accident that
11 could have involved 39 elementary children was avoided; and

12 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the efforts of this heroic Georgian be
13 appropriately recognized.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 the members of this body join together to recognize the exemplary and heroic efforts of
16 school bus driver Robert Watson, and commend him in his actions which saved the lives of
17 39 elementary school students from Sarah Smith Elementary School.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Robert Watson.